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FORMER WACO POLICE OFFICER SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that this afternoon former Waco Police Officer Amador Gonzalez, Jr., was sentenced to the maximum ten years in federal prison for possession of child pornography.

In addition to the prison term, Chief United States District Judge Walter S. Smith, Jr., ordered that Gonzalez, age 44, pay a \$1,000 fine and be placed under supervised release for a period of three years after completing his prison term.

Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation began investigating Gonzalez following a search warrant executed at a Palm Beach County, Florida, residence in January 2006. Computers seized during that search contained information that Gonzalez had participated in child pornography chat sessions. On February 6, 2006, FBI agents together with officers from the Hewitt Police Department executed a search warrant at the defendant's residence. As a result, investigators seized a computer as well as other computer media belonging to the defendant. Investigators discovered over 600 images of child pornography during a forensics exam of the computer and media.

On May 18, 2006, Gonzalez pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography.

Assistant United States Attorney Greg Gloff prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

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